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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office action dated October 26, 2004, Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejected claim.

Remarks

The above amendments and these remarks are responsive to the Office action dated October 26, 2004. Claims 17, 26, 34, 36, 37 and 41 are pending in the application. Claims 17, 26, 34, 36 and 37 are allowed. Claim 41 is rejected. In view of the following remarks, Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejected claim under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.